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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, March 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	April 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mucha, LCSW, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Linda Brittingham, LCSW, Professional Member
Dr. Fran Franklin, PhD, LCSW, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daphne Warner, LCSW, Professional member
Precious Benson, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter (NASW-DE)
Sachin Karnik
Rajni Karnik

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mucha called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from February 19, 2018. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham, to approve the February minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and consider final order for Sachin Karnik, LCSW Case No.: 31-02-17

The Board reviewed and discussed some key points for clarification in the final order for Sachin Karnik. With only a couple of amendments pertaining to typos and wording, the Board made no substantive

changes or comments to the order as written. The Board signed the order with the amendments for Mr. Karnik.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded Ms. Sewell, by to amend the agenda to add Maurice Hunter to the below list of names and then to ratify the below application(s) to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Shannon Davis
2. Leah Heyel
3. Karen Moore

Status of Complaints

There were no complaint updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Williams advised that ASWB submitted a pamphlet regarding the mobility movement for social work. Dr. Franklin stated that the licensure mobility movement is a big step in the right direction for the Board and for ASWB. Ms. Sewell advised that licensure mobility was a key top at the ASWB meeting that she and Ms. Benson attended recently.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Mucha advised that several years ago there was an all-day class for 6 continuing education credits that social workers could attend. This 6-hour credit CE course is in the making to be offered again.

Additionally, Mr. Mucha advised that the Board needs to begin thinking about draft regulations given the status of the current legislative bill. The Board should look into surrounding states' regulations as a model for guidance in regulation development, such as Maryland. Ms. Kelly advised that she researched Maryland's regulations and they do not align with DE due to the many tiers of licensure that they offer. Ms. Sewell commented that the States of Virginia or Pennsylvania regulations could possibly be a model for DE regulations. Ms. Kelly will research other surrounding State regulations that have multi-tier licensure that could potentially align with DE.

The Board also mentioned allowing exam candidates to sit for the exam prior to completion of the clinical experience hours. The exam candidate would be eligible to sit for the exam after completion of the MSW degree. The Board will continue to discuss this as a possible option in the very near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board and stated the bill is moving aggressively through the legislative process and passed unanimously in the House Sunset Committee. Dr. Saunders supported the idea of the proposed regulations and allowing exam candidates to sit for the exam at the master or bachelorette level after graduation prior to completing the required supervision hours for licensure. She also suggested that the Board may want to consider adding to the CE regulations, some language pertaining to ethics or trauma or maybe something in Opioid care given the current Opioid crisis.

Rajni Karnik introduced herself to the Board and addressed her concerns regarding the final order for Mr. Karnik.

Mr. Karnik addressed the Board regarding the outcome of his hearing and his final order, to which he professed his outrage toward the Board's final decision.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Sewell, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams
Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.